

## SEES FOOD TRAGEDY COMING IN GERMANY

Former Director Says Country  
Is Heading for Graveyard  
for Millions.

### GOVERNMENT IS BLAMED

Ebert Tells Municipal Heads  
Steps Have Been Taken to  
Relieve Situation.

BERLIN, Jan. 6.—Germany is heading for famine, despite reassuring statements made by the Government, it is declared by former Under Secretary von Braun, who five years ago was directing the official National Food Bureau. He predicts a repetition in Germany of the tragedy which is now being enacted at Vienna, and that Berlin, Dresden, Leipzig and the western industrial section will witness the same rate of mortality unless the Government puts a halt to the heedlessness which now characterizes the whole food administration.

Herr von Braun sees relief only in the direct union of producer and consumer, as the Government in his opinion is unable to solve the situation. He charges that official declarations are mischievous in that they are misleading abroad and create an especially wrong impression in the United States.

"We are heading directly for an abyss which will prove the graveyard of millions unless we turn about," is the warning he issues.

The municipal heads of Greater Berlin called on President Ebert to-day for the purpose of informing him of the threatened collapse of the flour and potato supplies of the capital, which during the past week were severely curtailed owing to the difficulties of transportation.

The Ministers of Economics and Agriculture and an official of the food bureau, who were present at the conference, gave assurance to the city authorities that the Government was cognizant of the situation and was taking active measures to forestall the danger of a compulsory shortening of bread and potato rations. They said that sufficient deliveries had been vouchsafed to protect the populace until the middle of February. They also expressed the hope that the payment of an added premium for wheat deliveries would prevent in the future the necessity to alter the established ration.

The Saxon State railways show a deficit of 300,000,000 marks for the last year. The Government is contemplating the organization of a giant corporation in which the nation and private individuals can participate for the purpose of taking over the military, naval and industrial plants and for the conversion of available army supplies into marketable commodities.

### BREAD UP IN VIENNA; SNOW HALTS RELIEF

Price of Loaves May Reach 5  
Crowns in Austria.

VIENNA, Jan. 6.—The price of bread officially increased to-day to 3 crowns 95 heller per loaf. The Government intimated that the next advance would be to 5 crowns per loaf.

[The crown normally was worth about 20 cents; its present exchange value is three-quarters of a cent.]

The Government employees are taking a secret strike ballot. They have made common cause with the State pensioners, both of which classes recently were promised a liberal increase in pay and allowances. The promise has not yet been made effective, while prices have advanced daily.

Henri Allie, head of the French mission in Vienna, in an interview in the *Nouvelles Wiener Tagblatt*, says the new State of Austria is perfectly able to maintain an independent political existence provided arrangements are made to insure delivery of sufficient food and fuel.

Transportation delays are making the coal situation in Vienna daily more acute. Entente trains, intended to relieve the shortage, have been held up by heavy snowfalls, so that Vienna is now completely cut off from the rest of the world. Three thousand French cars are being sent to Czechoslovakia in order to insure delivery of coal to Austria.

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### IRISH MAGISTRATE'S HOUSE IS RAIDED

Police Station in Galway Also  
Is Attacked.

DUBLIN, Jan. 6.—At Scariff, County Clare, Magistrate Hibbert's house was raided by armed men. A maid was wounded. The Magistrate carried on a duel with the raiders, wounding one, who later was arrested. The police barracks at Roundstone, Galway, was attacked last night, but the raiders were repulsed, two wounded.

James Hoey, a prominent Sinn Féin leader, was arrested this morning. Hoey superintended the newly formed insurance society, the object of which was to prevent Irish money from going into English insurance companies. The office of the society were raided last Friday.

Bartley Kelly, brother of the proprietor of the Halfway saloon at Ashdown, near the spot where Viscount French, Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, was recently ambushed, was arrested to-day.

## ALLIES REFUSE TO DECREASE TROOPS

Reject German Plea for Fewer  
Soldiers in Plebiscite  
Areas.

### MAY RATIFY JANUARY 12

Date for Conference on Turk-  
ish Question Not Yet  
Decided.

PARIS, Jan. 6.—An allied note handed to the German delegation late this evening refuses to decrease the number of troop effectives destined for the territories in which plebiscites are to be held.

The note says that non-participation by the United States in the proposed occupation already has decreased the effectives by one-fourth and that Germany's expenses will be reduced accordingly and that therefore Germany's request for a lessening in the number of troops is unwarranted.

It is reported in diplomatic quarters that while it will not be impossible for the exchange of ratifications to take place Saturday, the ceremony may be delayed until Monday, January 12. This is due to difficulties encountered by the commissions of experts.

The council of the League of Nations, it is understood, will be called to meet about a week later.

The precise date for the conference of the Powers on the Turkish question still remains uncertain, and there is even doubt as yet as to just what form this conference will take and exactly who will participate. Ambassador Wallace has thus far received no instructions regarding participation.

LONDON, Jan. 6.—German warships sunk by their officers in Scapa Flow will be blown up shortly, it was stated here to-day. The decision to dispose of

the vessels in this way followed the completion of investigation by a special commission representing all of the Allies.

### SING SING INMATES GET \$500.

Mrs. Sophie Lyons, now a wealthy resident of Detroit, sent \$500 to Sing Sing prison yesterday to be distributed to the prisoners through the Mutual Welfare League. Forty-seven years ago Mrs. Lyons escaped from Sing Sing with her husband, the burglar, Ned Lyons. They both were caught several months later and returned to serve the balance of their sentences. After that Mrs. Lyons "went straight." The change of years was well demonstrated in the address on the letter, which was "New York State Prison, Sing Sing, N. Y." She did not know the new name of the town.

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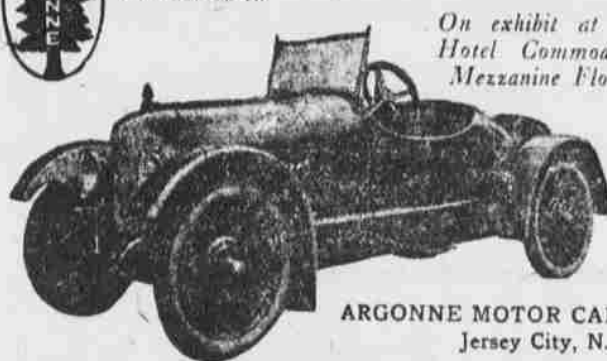
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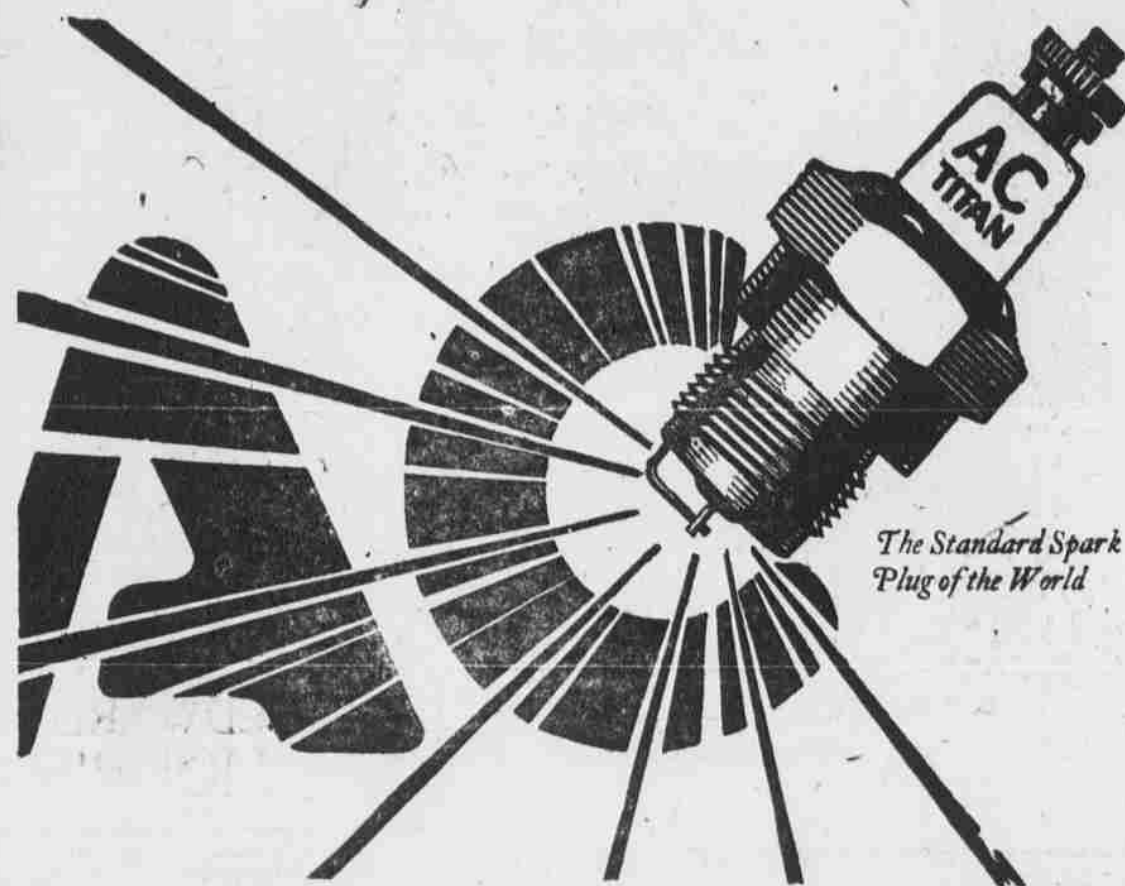
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